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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08049.0008

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Oscar Lee AVANT et al. ) **Notice of Allowance Dated: 6/14/05**  
Application No.: 09/652,709 ) Group Art Unit: 3653  
Filed: August 31, 2000 ) Examiner: Joseph C. Rodriguez  
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS ) Confirmation No.: 3489  
FOR IDENTIFYING AND )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**Comments on Examiner's Reasons for Allowance**

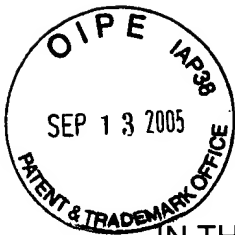
Regarding the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowability mailed June 14, 2005, to the extent that the Examiner has paraphrased the Applicants' statements regarding the claim language, Applicants do not subscribe to any meaning that may be gleaned from the paraphrasing inconsistent with Applicants' actual statements. Applicants' statements speak for themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 13, 2005

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**SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS**

In accordance with the Examiner's approval accompanying the Notice of Allowability, please replace Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, and 5 in the above-identified application with the five (5) sheets of replacement drawings filed herewith (Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, and 5). If the replacement drawings for any reason are not in full compliance with the pertinent statutes and regulations, please so advise the undersigned.

## REMARKS

Each of the figures in the replacement sheets has been changed by adding the caption "(Prior Art)" per the Examiner's request.

If any fees are necessary for the submission of these formal drawings, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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**Attachments:** 5 sheets of replacement drawings (Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, and 5)